

LAW & JUSTICE GROUP ADMINISTRATION



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Mission Statement

The Law and Justice Group Executive Committee enhances the quality of life, provides for the safety of all citizens, and promotes the principles of justice within San Bernardino County by coordinating resources and services, including justice facilities and information management.

GOALS

**REDUCE THE TIME
REQUIRED TO MOVE
CASES THROUGH THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SYSTEM**

**INCREASE THE AMOUNT
OF FUNDING RECEIVED
FOR LAW & JUSTICE
GROUP PROJECTS**

**REDUCE THE NEGATIVE
EFFECTS OF GANG-
RELATED CRIMES ON
THE CITIZENS OF THE
COUNTY**

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

This group is made up of the following departments: Sheriff/Coroner, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation and Superior Court.

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

The Law and Justice Group Executive Committee relies upon the collaboration of its member agencies: District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff/Coroner, Probation and Superior Court. These agencies focus resources toward the common goal of providing a fair, just and efficient judicial process. The Executive Committee was formed in 1984, in recognition that the departments are integral components of the county criminal justice system. The Law & Justice Group fosters communication between the departments, and together they develop solutions to operational problems of mutual interest.

2007-08 SUMMARY OF BUDGET UNITS

	Appropriation	Revenue	Local Cost	Fund Balance	Staffing
General Fund					
Law and Justice Group Administration	232,951	78,503	154,448		1.0
Total General Fund	232,951	78,503	154,448		1.0
Special Revenue Funds					
2003 US BJA Congressional Mandated Award	150,731	174,695		(23,964)	-
2005 COPS Technology Grant	175,079	175,010		69	-
2006 COPS Technology Grant	493,614	493,614		-	-
2005 Justice Assistance Grant	38,736	500		38,236	-
2006 Justice Assistance Grant	52,100	750		51,350	-
Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative	5,861,949	1,210,000		4,651,949	-
Total Special Revenue Funds	6,772,209	2,054,569		4,717,640	-
Total - All Funds	7,005,160	2,133,072	154,448	4,717,640	1.0

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

GOAL 1: REDUCE THE LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO MOVE CASES THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Objective A: Increase the number of criminal cases that are electronically filed.

MEASUREMENT	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Target	2007-08 Estimate	2008-09 Target
1A. Percentage of cases e-filed.	10%	10%	12%	12%	15%

Status

Ongoing development and expansion of the criminal case e-filing system continues. Expansion of the project includes the incorporation of the Storage Technology Optical Records Management (STORM) project. STORM is conceived as a collection of custom programs, protocols, web services, and enhancements to existing systems including the District Attorney's Star and Court Offense Tracking System (OTS). STORM acts as a secure pass-through system providing a vehicle for various agencies to electronically package large numbers of electronic files, in various formats, and then securely transfer the package to the District Attorney or Court as a new or updated case filing. These packages are then unpacked and processed into various downstream systems including DA Star, OTS, document imaging, redaction, and enhanced discovery and search.

GOAL 2: INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING RECEIVED FOR LAW & JUSTICE GROUP PROJECTS

Objective A: Identify new grant opportunities.

MEASUREMENT	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Target	2007-08 Estimate	2008-09 Target
2A. Percentage of L&J Group expenditures with grant funding sources.	64%	68%	60%	60%	60%

Status

The 2006 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Grant and 2006 Justice Assistance Grant resulted in \$1.1 million in grant funding to the Law and Justice Group.

GOAL 3: REDUCE THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF GANG-RELATED CRIMES ON THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY

Objective A: Implement the strategic plan on gangs to reduce gang activity.

MEASUREMENT	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Target	2007-08 Estimate	2008-09 Target
3A. Average gang related arrests per sweep.	11	9	10	10	10
3A. New gang members identified per sweep.	8	5	5	5	5

Status

Proactive enforcement and identification of gang members and their trends continues. Gang units in the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, and Probation Department work closely to combat gang problems throughout the county. Statistics show that 1,572 cases were filed from all areas (Central Valley, Victorville, Rancho and Fontana) in 2006-07. There were 835 state prison commitments with a combined total of 50 years of state prison, including 4 life terms. In addition, there were fewer new gang members identified per sweep in 2006-07 from 2005-06. This can be attributed to the county's gang database expanding due to the collaborative efforts of county and city law enforcement officials.

If there are questions about this business plan, please contact Sue Morales, Administrative Analyst, at (909) 387-0630.

2006-07 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ Completed the requirements and detailed design phases of the Storage Technology Optical Records Management (STORM) Project
- ❖ Purchased and installed wireless equipment at West Valley and Adelanto Detention Centers for Public Defender Staff
- ❖ Purchased two teleconferencing units for the Public Defender Homicide Defense and Central Misdemeanor offices
- ❖ Continued the Juvenile Accountability Program which provides funding for a juvenile court hearing officer and a legal processing assistant
- ❖ Provided funding for co-occurring treatment services for Superior Court's drug court clients
- ❖ Provided funding for the creation of a pilot victim/offender mediation program in restorative justice



STORM Project Equipment